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**371 FORMALITIES LETTER**



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## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/15/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/15/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/01/2008
- Substitute Specification filed on 03/15/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 03/15/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$1050** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$1180** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$1050**

- **\$1050** for 5 independent claims over 3.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to a Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated May 12, 2008, Applicant submits the following:

- (i) a Preliminary Amendment cancelling additional claims for which fees are allegedly due;
- (ii) a Small Entity Statement;
- (iii) a copy of Applicant's Declaration And Power Of Attorney, submitted to the Patent Office previously on May 8, 2008;

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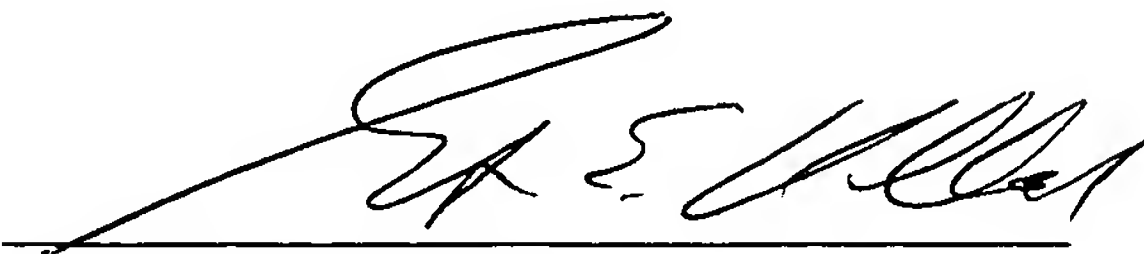
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- (iv) a copy of the Notification Of Missing Requirements; and
- (v) a Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$65.00 for a Small Entity's submission of the Declaration after filing of the captioned Application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 14, 2008

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 14, 2008  
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